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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS TO SCs/STs
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) is sanctioning retail outlets to the candidates belonging to SCs/STs;

(b) if so, whether these outlets are set up by the HPCL at the cost of the company itself;

(c) if so, whether persons belonging to this category are compelled to purchase the land for setting up such outlets;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of retail outlets sanctioned by the company to SCs/STs in the country since 2005 till date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has reported that as per the Dealer Selection Guidelines, the reservation for dealerships/ distributorships under SC/ST category is 25%.

(b) In respect of Retail Outlets (ROs) reserved for SC/ST categories under the Corpus Fund scheme, all investments including arrangement of land, are made by HPCL and the RO dealership are handed over to the allottees in ready condition.

(c)&(d) The candidates belonging to SC/ST categories are not compelled to purchase land for setting up of ROs.

In case, the Letter of Intent (LOI) holders are willing to offer land for setting up of ROs on their own for early commissioning, the land is taken on lease by HPCL on appropriate rentals.

(e) The number of ROs sanctioned by HPCL to the candidates belonging to SC/ST category during the period January 2005 to October 2006 is 867.The state-wise detail of the ROs sanctioned by HPCL to the candidates belonging to SCs/STs category is annexed.